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SUBJECT: CANADIAN DEFENSE REVIEW CONSULTATIONS

REFS: A. OTTAWA 2138 (NOTAL); B. USNATO 3118 (NOTAL)

HOLD FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS.

1. FOR USNATO AND OTTAWA: WE COMMEND YOUR EFFORTS WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO DECISION BY GOC TO CONSULT WITH US AND FRG ON NATO ASPECT OF CANADIAN DEFENSE REVIEW. WE SHARE CONCERN (REF A) ABOUT LACK OF COMMITMENT TO CONSULT WITH OTHER NATO ALLIES. THIS OMISSION MIGHT BE CORRECTED

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THROUGH REPRESENTATIONS TO CANADA BY OTHER ALLIES (SEE REF B, BEING REPEATED ADDRESSEES). IN VIEW OF CANADA'S NATO COMMITMENTS, WE BELIEVE NORWAY AND DENMARK ARE APPROPRIATE COUNTRIES TO SUGGEST GOC CONSULT IN NATO ON

DEFENSE REVIEW. FYI. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT HOW GOC INTENDS TO CONSULT WITH US ON BILATERAL ASPECTS, I.E., NORTH AMERICA, OF DEFENSE REVIEW. END FYI.

2. FOR OSLO AND COPENHAGEN: YOU MAY WISH TO REVIEW WITH NORWEGIAN AND DANISH OFFICIALS THE SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTION CANADA MAKES TO NORTHERN REGION OF ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE. AS YOU KNOW, CANADA EARMARKS ONE BATTALION GROUP TO ACE MOBILE FORCE (LAND) AND ONE SQUADRON OF CF-5AS TO AMF (AIR) FOR QUICK DEPLOYMENT TO NORWAY (TROMS AND FINNMARK) AND

DENMARK (ZEALAND). THESE UNITS ARE BASED IN CANADA. FOR REINFORCEMENT OF NORTHERN FLANK, CANADA EARMARKS TO AFNORTH THE CANADIAN AIR/SEA TRANSPORTABLE COMBAT GROUP (CASTG) NUMBERING ABOUT 5,000 MEN, AND TWO SQUADRONS OF

CF-5AS. ONE SQUADRON OF CF-5AS IS PRIMARILY TASKED FOR AMF (A) IN THE NORTH AS NOTED ABOVE, OR AS REINFORCEMENT FOR THE NORTHERN FLANK IF AMF(A) DOES NOT DEPLOY. THE OTHER SQUADRON OF CF-5AS IS PRIMARILY TASKED TO SUPPORT NATO OPERATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA, BUT COULD BE TASKED TO REINFORCE THE NORTHERN FLANK IF THE SITUATION PERMITTED. THESE UNITS ARE ALSO BASED IN CANADA. WITH THIS BACKGROUND AND IN VIEW OF RECENT MOD FOSTERVOLL EXPRESSION OF CONCERN REGARDING UK DECISION TO REDUCE ITS REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY FOR NORTHERN FLANK, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR NORWAY AND DENMARK TO SUGGEST THAT CANADA CONSULT WITH NATO BEFORE TAKING DECISIONS WHICH MAY AFFECT THESE COMMITMENTS. FYI. AS WILL BE SEEN FROM SEPTEL, CANADIANS ARE PLANNING TO SEND THEIR TEAM TO BRUSSELS WEEK OF JUNE 23 FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH US AND FRG ON NATO ASPECTS OF DEFENSE REVIEW. END FYI.

3. FOR OTTAWA AND USNATO: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN SUPPLY ON EXTERNAL SEALIFT CANADIANS EXPECT TO EMPLOY TO MOVE CASTG TO NORTHERN FLANK. ALSO, CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE CANADIANS INDICATED ANY RESPONSE TO ASD ELLSWORTH INVITATION FOR CANADA TO PARTICIPATE IN REFORGER EXERCISE (PARA 8, OTTAWA 0533)?

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